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Correctional Officer Released Unharmed

At 1630 inmate Timothy Monk, #068675, took CO II Laurel Kennedy hostage in his cell at the Santa Rita Unit at ASPC-Tucson, holding her with a shank made from Plexiglas and a razor. Inmate Monk demanded transfer to Montana in exchange for releasing Officer Kennedy.

The department stated it would transfer the inmate, instead arranged with Department of Public Safety personnel for his transfer to maximum security housing at an Arizona prison in Florence.

At 2238 inmate Monk released Officer Kennedy uninjured. He was taken into custody without incident. The department will pursue prosecution.

Monk was admitted to ADC in 1987, sentenced to serve 97 years for 7 counts, one count each, for armed robbery, sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated assault, sexual abuse, and burglary 1st and 2nd degree. Officer Kennedy joined ADC in November 2005 and was assigned to ASPC-Tucson in January 2006.